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SUBJECT: MONITORING UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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1. SOURCE OF FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

2. DURING AUGUST INFORMAL MEETING OF DONOR REPRESENTATIVES, CHARGE AND AID OPERATIONS OFFICER LEANRED (FROM ACTING UNDP RES REP) THAT UNDP LESOTHO HAS A TRILATERAL PROJECT WITH THE GOL AND THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) TO CONSTRUCT HOSTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO (NUL). THE PROJECT PROVIDES DOLS 456,000, ONE-THIRD OF WHICH HAS BEEN USED TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSTEL AT NUL. THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN UP, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE FOL DOES NOT FEEL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE NEEDED. GOL WANTS TO USE AN ADDITIONAL THIRD OF THE FUNDS TO BUILD ANOTHER HOSTEL. EVENTUAL USE OF BALANCE OF FUNDS REMAINS UNDEFINED BUT PRESUMABLY WOULD ALSO GO TO CONSTRUCTION AT NUL.

3. LOCAL ANC, WITH BACKING OF UNDP HEADQUARTERS, HAS PUSHED

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FOR EXCLUSIVE RESERVATION OF NEW STUDENT HOSTEL (S) FOR ANC-DESIGNEATED STUDENTS. NUL, LOCAL UN REP AND GOL OPPOSE THIS, FAVORING COMMON USE OF NEW FACILITIES BY STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. THIS HAS BEEN THE RULE WITH ALL CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING USAID/AAI FINANCED DORMITORIES.

4. EMBASSY IS REPORTING THIS UNDP PROJECT BECAUSE OF ITS UNUSUAL NATURE AND BECUASE OF THE PRESSURES (ABOVE) FROM UNDP HEADQUARTERS FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO SUPPORT THE ANC DEMAND FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE NEW STUDENT HOSTEL. FOR THE PRESENT, THE GOL/NUL POSITION OF COMMON USE OF ALL FACILITIES REGARDLESS OF THE PROJECT ORIGIN OR BACKING APPARENTLY PREVAILS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S VIEWS ON THE PROJECT IN LIGHT OF REFTTEL.
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